

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this Application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claim 1-9 remain pending in the Application. Claims 1-4 and 6-9 have been amended to correct cosmetic matters of form. Namely, these claims have been amended to correct improper multiple dependencies and to provide antecedent basis where appropriate. No new matter has been added.

By way of summary, the Official Action presented the following issues: Claims 1-3 stand allowed. Claims 4-9 were objected under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper form as multiple dependent claims may not depend from other multiple dependent claims.

As Claims 4, 6, 8 and 9 have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection pertaining to these claims outlined in paragraph 1 of the Official Action has been addressed. Moreover, as these claims directly and/or indirectly depend from allowed Claims 1-3, Applicants submit that these claims are likewise allowable at least for the reasons cited in the outstanding Official Action.

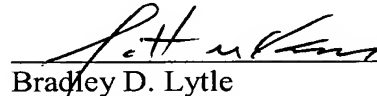
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes any additional formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this Application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present Application, including Claims 1-9, is patentably distinguished over the prior art and is condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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